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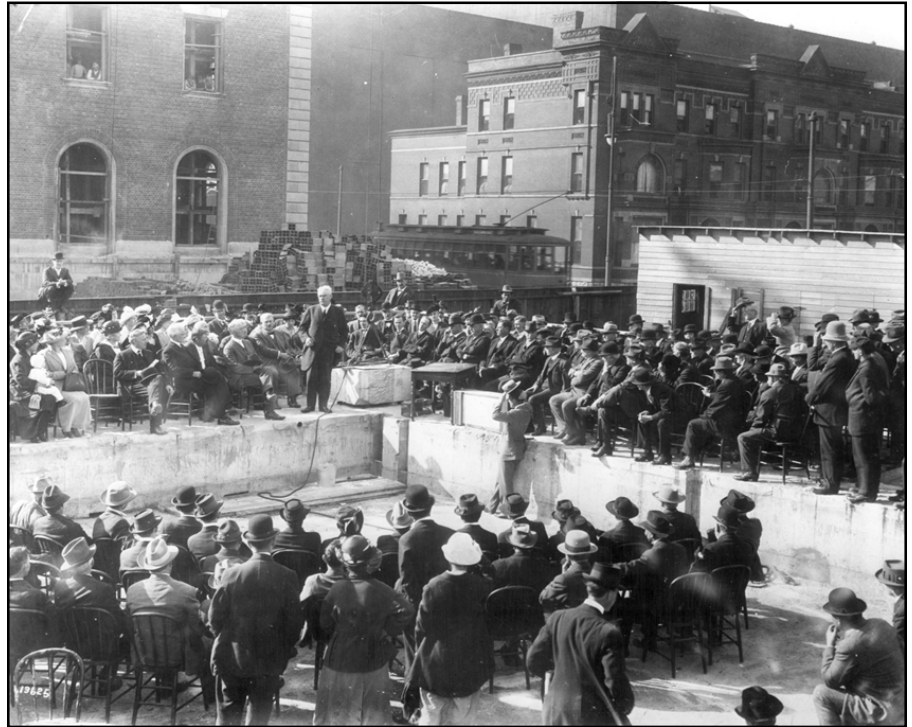
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# City Update

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## **Renovated Central Library reopens**



*The Oct. 5th reopening of the library promises to be its biggest celebration since the 1914 cornerstone ceremony.*

The Saint Paul Public Library will celebrate the reopening of its renovated Central Library, Saturday, October 5th, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., with Shout It Out!, a day of free performances, family activities and library tours. The festivities will take place in downtown Saint Paul, in the Central Library, 90 W. Fourth St., and in Rice Park. The public is invited to explore the library's old architectural beauty and its new technological services.

The renovation of the 85-year-old Central Library building began three and a half years ago and required that the library be closed to the public for the past two years. It was supported by \$15.9 million in public and private funding. The Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library raised the private funding for the project as part of a \$5.8 million capital cam-

paign to renew the City's library system as a whole.

The Central renovation restored many of the building's unique architectural features, such as its hand-painted ceilings, carved Mankato stone walls and compressed cork floors, while also refitting the building to deliver 21st century computerized information services. The features of the renovation, to be publicly unveiled October 5th, include:

- detailed hand-painted ceilings restored to their 1917 condition;
- an enlarged Children's Room with a colorful new story hour area designed around the library's historic hand-carved puppet theater;
- new high-speed wiring connect-

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ing the library's 59 public computer terminals to the world wide web and other subscription information services;

- expanded public browsing areas overlooking the Mississippi River as well as Rice Park;
- a first-floor coffee shop, Café Zelda, and redesigned Kellogg Boulevard courtyard; and
- new entrances from Kellogg Boulevard and the city's new skyway connection.

The entire Central Library building will be open for self-guided tours, and the library's collection of over 350,000 materials will be available for check-out. Architects from Meyer, Scherer & Rockcastle, Ltd., will be on hand to discuss their renovation of the city's historic building.

"The reopening of Central Library is cause for celebration by everyone in Saint Paul," said Peter Pearson, president of The Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library, "and we hope everyone will join us to tour the renovated building and to celebrate the investment Saint Paul has made in its library. This is also an investment in Saint Paul's children and future, and a strong and real commitment to culture and learning."

A full schedule of free performances for the October 5th festivities will feature musicians, storytellers, breakdancers, puppet shows, authors and much more. Family performers include folksong troubadour Larry Long, storyteller and rap artist Tou Ger Xiong, Bill the Juggler, and storyteller Nothando Zulu. A children's tent in Rice Park will offer bookmaking and poetry activities.

Featured authors will include MPR's Lynne Rossetto Kasper, poet and memoirist Patricia Hampl, comedian and novelist Lorna Landvik, and a writer of bestselling spy thrillers, Vince Flynn. Local celebrities will participate by reading

selections from Mark Twain's "Life on the Mississippi" throughout the day, and a host of Minnesota authors will be on hand in Café Zelda, the library's new coffee shop for book signings.



*This ceiling tile is in the Central Library's restored third-floor magazine room. It's based on the old City Seal.*

The Shout It Out! Central Library Reopening Festivities are made possible by The Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library through the generous support of corporate partners: Pioneer Press and twincities.com, Hubbard Broadcasting (KSTP-TV, KSTC-TV, KSTP AM 1500, KS95 and FM 107), Wells Fargo, AT&T, the City's Cultural STAR program, Gale Group, Lawson Software, The St. Paul Companies, U.S. Bank, and Xcel Energy.

For further information, please visit the web sites at [www.sppl.org](http://www.sppl.org) or [www.thefriends.org](http://www.thefriends.org).

## Dental Insurance

In addition to your medical plan, you also have the opportunity to sign up for the optional HealthPartners Exceed dental plan. This plan provides benefits for fillings, periodontics, endodontics, oral surgery, crowns, onlays, prosthetics, and orthodontics. Read your Employee Benefits Booklet for details or visit with a HealthPartners representative at any open enrollment session.

## Employees need to choose a health plan for 2003

HealthPartners will continue as the City's health insurance provider for 2003. In addition to the current health plan, three other health plans will be available. Your monthly cost will vary depending upon the plan you choose. The monthly premium for the four plans are as follows:

HealthPartners Primary Clinic Choice  
with Deductible

\$269.97 (single); \$691.15 (family)

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HealthPartners Classic<sup>SM</sup> Choice

\$298.89 (single); \$765.20 (family)

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HealthPartners Primary Clinic Choice

\$311.21 (single); \$796.71 (family)

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HealthPartners Plus<sup>®</sup>

\$324.64 (single); \$831.11 (family)

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Ninety-six percent of employees currently enrolled in HealthPartners Plus will be able to switch to a lower cost plan and keep their current clinic. A letter with Primary and Classic network lists was sent to your home on September 11. Please review that information and your Employee Benefits Booklet carefully to make the best health plan selection for you and your family. HealthPartners representatives will be available at all open enrollment sessions to answer your questions and help you choose the plan that best suits your needs.

## Flu Shots!

Free flu shots will be offered to all City employees in late November. Details on dates and locations will be in the November 1st issue of City Update.

## Open enrollment sessions, day by day, place by place

Open enrollment for 2003 benefits will take place through October 31st, 2002. The Risk Management Division is sponsoring open enrollment sessions at six different sites throughout the City.

To help employees choose one of the four health plans that best meets your needs, extended times and more sessions are being offered than last year. Representatives from Stanton, HealthPartners, NBI/Ochs Services, and Ochs Inc. will be available to answer your benefit questions and assist you with completing necessary forms.



### *Please remember...*

- To review your Employee Benefits Booklet before attending an enrollment session.
- To bring your Booklet and Benefit Election Form to the enrollment session.
- If you want to enroll or re-enroll in a flexible spending account for 2003, you must complete the flexible spending accounts section of the group insurance application; enrollment is required each year.
- Enrollment for benefits ends October 31st, 2002. If you do not return your 2003 Benefit Election Form to an Ochs Inc. representative by October 31, 2002 you will have elected, by default, to enroll in the HealthPartners Plus Plan, and continue your other current insurance coverages.

### *The sessions*

Mon., Oct. 14, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

City Hall Conference Center

Room 40A & B

Employees attending open enrollment sessions in the Conference Center are to attend alphabetically by last name as follows:

A - I 8:00 - 11:00

J - R 11:00 - 1:30

S - Z 1:30 - 4:00

Tue., Oct. 15th, 7:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Hamline Yard, 2nd Flr Training Rm

289 Hamline Avenue North

Wed., Oct. 16th, 11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Dale Street Garage, 2nd Flr Training Rm

891 Dale Street North

Employees attending open enrollment sessions at the Dale Street Garage are to attend as follows:

11:00 - 12:30 - Street Maintenance

12:30 - 2:30 - Sewer Mtce/Municipal Equip

2:30 - 4:30 - Traffic Operations

Thu., Oct. 17th, 7:00 a.m. – noon

Como Shop, Carpenters' Garage

1100 Hamline Avenue North

Thu., Oct. 17th, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Water Treatment Plant, Filter Floor

1900 Rice Street North

Fri., Oct. 18th, 10:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Public Safety Annex Garage

100 Tenth Street East

Mon., Oct. 21st, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

City Hall Conference Center

Room 40A & B

Employees attending open enrollment sessions in the Conference Center are to attend alphabetically by last name as follows:

J - R 8:00 - 11:00

S - Z 11:00 - 1:30

A - I 1:30 - 4:00

Thu., Oct. 24th, 11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Dale Street Garage, 2nd Floor Training Rm

891 Dale Street North

Employees attending open enrollment sessions at the Dale Street Garage are to attend as follows:

11:00-12:30 - Street Maintenance

12:30-2:30 - Sewer Mtce/Municipal Equip

2:30-4:30 - Traffic Operations

Mon., Oct. 28th, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

City Hall Conference Center

Room 40A & B

Employees attending open enrollment sessions in the Conference Center are to attend alphabetically by last name as follows:

S - Z 8:00 - 11:00

A - I 11:00 - 1:30

J - R 1:30 - 4:00

Thu., Oct. 31st, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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## Chek Cards at CCCU

If you're still carrying around a wad of cash or your bulky check-book, you may want to consider a CCCU SHAZAM Chek Card! It's free, and works just like a credit card, but the purchase is automatically deducted from your checking account.

Since the CCCU Chek Card carries the VISA logo, it can be used anywhere that VISA is accepted, even at those places that won't take a check. Using your Chek Card is simple too. The merchant rings up your purchase, swipes your card, and then you sign the receipt.

An added benefit of CCCU's Chek Card is that it doubles as an ATM card and can be used at thousands of ATMs across the country.

Call the TeleCenter at 651-225-2700 or 1-800-223-2801 to get more information or apply for your card today. The SHAZAM Chek Card has no fee for purchases, and transactions with your card do not count towards your monthly check-clearing limit.

City & County Credit Union is federally insured by the National Credit Union Administration.

## Channel 18 documentary awards and new Library video

**Congratulations** to producer Nick Nelson, narrator Cheryl Pasalic, and the Office of Cable Communications for winning a national programming award for the documentary "Charlie Brown Around Town."

The program won third place in "Documentary — Event Coverage" for budgets under \$400,000 in the 2002 Programming Awards conducted by NATOA (National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors). The awards recognize excellence in cable, broadcast, multimedia and electronic programming developed by municipal agencies. NATOA received nearly one thousand entries from municipalities across the country and the awards covered more than 50 categories.

**The Office is also proud to** announce the completion of a half-hour video production titled "LIBRARY: a Workshop for the Future."

Combining documentary and character-based storytelling, the production has been in the works almost as long as the Central Library renovation, and features Library Director Carole Williams as well as a cast of historical characters, including the original architect.

They are all invited to a mysterious tea party in the midst of the renovation, to talk about the history of the Saint Paul Public Library and its ongoing work in the face of everchanging technologies. What follows is a 'meeting of the minds' — different perspectives, sometimes in disagreement, sometimes comical — full of history and ideas.

The video was written and produced by Claire Simonson of the Cable Office, with Cable Officer Holly Hansen acting as executive producer. The program is available for purchase on VHS video, and will also be

airing on Channel 18 after with the October reopening of the Central Library. Please contact the Cable Office at 651-266-8870 or [city18@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:city18@ci.stpaul.mn.us) if you are interested in purchasing a copy.



## City job openings as of October 4th, 2002

Application deadline	Job title	Bi-weekly or hourly salary rate	Exam date
10/07/02	Clerk-Typist III	\$1,121.04 bi-weekly	10/21/02
10/09/02	Community Liaison Officer	\$1,099.31 bi-weekly	See Job Ann
Open	ECC Telecommunicator	\$1,417.26 bi-weekly	See Job Ann
Open	IS Info/Tech Analyst IV	\$1,821.08 bi-weekly	See Job Ann
Open	Life Guard	\$8.20 per hr	See Job Ann
10/14/02	Public Information Specialist I	\$16.76 per hr	10/22/02
Open	Senior Pool Attendant	\$9.79 per hr	See Job Ann
Open	Swimming Pool Supervisor	\$11.37 per hr	See Job Ann
Open	Water Safety Instructor	\$8.72 per hr	See Job Ann

\*\* This is a walk-in-examination. Do not submit a job application before the test.

Please Note: Mayor Kelly has announced a hiring freeze for the City of Saint Paul. The testing and application process will be continuing for certain positions, and hiring decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis. The City does anticipate that some exceptions to the freeze will be approved, particularly for certain seasonal/summer positions. You are encouraged to continue your interest in City employment by completing the job application process.

Note: Call or visit the Office of Human Resources to receive the official job announcement for these positions. Location: 400 City Hall Annex. Phone: 651-266-6500 or visit the web site: [www.ci.stpaul.mn.us/jobopenings](http://www.ci.stpaul.mn.us/jobopenings). For jobs announced after September 26th, please call our 24-hour job line, 651-266-6502.